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## Editorial

Over the past six years of activity Ceramurgia International has shown how proper international scientific cooperation can give concrete results even in a sector such as ceramics which because of its inherent nature, long standing traditions and particular interactions between research, production and trade within each country could well be unfavourable for success. Once the initial uncertainties were overcome, Ceramurgia International, in fact, has grown continuously in quality and importance; today it can be truly considered as: «The International Journal of Ceramics Science». Obviously, merit for this success goes to the Journal's authors for the high quality of their contributions as well as to the members of the International Editorial Board who, through their careful selection and refereeing of the papers to be printed, have maintained the Journal at an excellent scientific level. These results reward the efforts of all those involved in the publication of Ceramurgia International.

In order to reinforce the international character of the Journal not only in content but also in form, the name of the Journal has been changed into Ceramics International. Starting with the January-March 1981 issue (included in the subscription rate), Ceramics International will be accompanied by the new magazine, Ceramics International News. With the publication of this supplement, each journal will contain a specific type of information: original research in Ceramics International and informative, applied or technological material in Ceramics International News.

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We hope that these efforts of the Publishers will be well received by both authors and readers of Ceramics International.

Over the years friendships have been established and consolidated between scientists all over the world. This international scientific cooperation is still one of the few ways to establish better understanding between countries in today's world. Even though the contribution Ceramics International offers in that respect is only a small drop in a large ocean, we feel that all efforts, small or large, are useful and important.

With these things in mind, we believe that the thoughts expressed here in the Editor's column can be considered representative of the opinions of all those who contribute ideas and experience to Ceramics International with the objective of assuring, both now and in the future, scrupulous attention to the maintenance of the objectives and the high standards of quality set for Ceramics International.



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